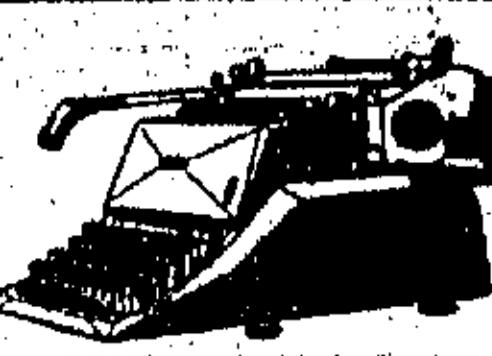


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THE WEATHER

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LIMBO

WELL here we are again, poised, as it were, between two festivals; too late to say a "Merry Christmas," and too early to say a "Happy New Year." This then is a kind of seasonal limbo where we muse upon all that has passed during the year and look forward wondering at what is ahead.

Yet looking at it like that, there is one thing of which we can be sure. Taking the years as they come and go, things average out. In a strictly personal sense, some years are better than others. In some we run into misfortune quite undeserved, in others we get lucky breaks, equally undeserved, but as has been said, over the years we strike an average.

What kind of year has 1961 been? In a general sense, it has been a restless year for all of us. In the main, prosperity has continued, but there are still too many people not sharing in it. Then there have been uprisings and disturbances which have filled us with alarm and taken us almost to the brink of calamity, yet somehow we have avoided the worst.

SO this season of limbo, this pause between the festival of the old year and the new is not a bad time for spiritual stocktaking. Some looking back will recall a wonderful year, a year in which their dearest dreams came true. A year in which all the frustrations of former years were forgotten, a year in which the planning and struggling of the lean years were rewarded. For others it might have been a happy year, a year in which all the delightful things happened, a year to look back upon and say, "I was very happy then."

If that is so in your case, we congratulate you, and hasten to add that it be treasured as such, stored against a time when life tries to get tough with you. For some, it will be a year best forgotten. A year in which nothing seemed to go right. A year of sheer frustration, when all your efforts seemed without avail. If so, all that can be said are words which might seem trite at the moment, yet they are very true. Some years seem like that, yet the year ahead can be just the occasion when things will turn out all right.

BUT for most of us, it will have been just another year, a few pages torn off the calendar during which we plodded along. What can we do about it? Is it true that our fate lies not so much in the passage of time, but rather in the courage we bring to life and our determination to press on regardless.

So, within this short period of limbo, poised between the old and the new years, it might be worthwhile recalling the words used by the late King George VI as a worried world and Britain in particular, faced an unknown. 1940. "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.'

Two deaths, 38 injuries in accidents over weekend  
HK's GRIM CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYBody of a  
Briton  
found in  
shrubbery

The Christmas weekend was a grim one for Hongkong. Two men met their deaths, 55 traffic accidents injured 30 people—seven seriously—six children were hurt in a Kowloon explosion, a circus performer suffered injuries in a fall from tightrope, and a man broke his leg in another mishap.

The body of a British soldier was found in a ravine below his Tai Hang-road apartment by children playing there yesterday morning.

A waterworks employee was drowned in the Shing Mun Reservoir, the New Territories, on Christmas Eve. The soldier, Cpl. W. J. Mackenzie, 23, of 252 Signal Squadron, Royal Signals, Victoria Barracks, was found dead in some shrubbery near 154 Tai Hang-road at about 9.20 am yesterday.

A Government spokesman said police do not suspect foul play.

The corporal lived with his wife and eight-month-old baby son at Apartment C-12, 154 Tai Hang-road, 11th floor.

A yellow balloon was also found beside the body, which was clad in white shirt and dark grey trousers.

100 feet

The body was located in bush in a ravine more than 100 feet below the corporal's own flat.

A post-mortem was being performed this morning at the Victoria Public Mortuary to find the nature of injuries and possible cause of death.

A local report said that children playing in the neighbourhood first discovered the body lying in the shrubbery.

The corporal who has been in Hongkong for a little more than a year was married just about that long.

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FRONT PAGE  
BRIEFS

...OR ELSE

Moscow, Dec. 25. Premier Nikita Krushchev has admitted that neither he nor the Communist Party is infallible on all matters, and has demanded he be told personally when he is wrong. Pravda reported yesterday.—UPI.

Death toll: 70

Rome, Dec. 26. The death toll as a result of a rail disaster near here last Saturday rose to 70 today when another victim died in hospital from injuries.

The accident occurred when the last car in a crowded local train jumped the rails and plunged down a ravine into the Fiumarella River in the Calabria mountains.—UPI.

## BOMB AT CHRISTMAS PARTY KILLS 53

A bomb exploding at a Christmas Eve party in a Colombia army barracks at Buga, 300 miles from Bogota, killed 53 people and injured 123, an official communiqué announced today.

Several children were among the dead. The blast occurred as troops and their guests were leaving the party.

A communiqué from the

Cat saved 223 from  
death in this

Firemen and curious spectators inspect the rubble after the house collapse in Aberdeen-street on Christmas Day.—China Mail photographer.

A cat walking across the tiled roof of a 40-year-old Central district tenement building on Christmas Day saved the lives of 223 people.

UAR, YEMEN TO  
END UNION

Cairo, Dec. 26. An official statement ending the Federation of Arab States which links the United Arab Republic with the Kingdom of the Yemen is expected to be published here shortly, the authoritative Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, reported today.

The Federation was established in March 1958, five weeks after the union of Egypt and Syria to form the UAR. Its 32-article charter provided for a unified foreign policy and union of the armed forces.

Syria broke away from the UAR last September.—Reuter.

New York, Dec. 26. A Christmas Day fire destroyed a complete business block of buildings in Whitehorse, Yukon yesterday, forcing some 50 people out into 45 below zero weather.

Damage is estimated close to \$1,000,000.—UPI.

BABY GIRL  
FOUND  
OUTSIDE  
CHURCH

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The cat's walk sent down a shower of bricks and dust from the top of the old structure No. 44, Aberdeen-street. The occupants, alarmed by this, hurriedly evacuated the building.

At 4 pm the whole of the front of the house gave way and collapsed with a roar.

A woman hawker, Leung Siu, 64, who stayed by her stall even after other street sellers had moved their wares further down the street, was slightly injured by a falling beam. She was taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

Digging

Registration of the homeless—47 families totalling 223 people—started immediately and they were given hot meals by the Social Welfare Department. The CARE also issued chopsticks, rice bowls and dishes to the homeless.

After the collapse adjoining houses were also evacuated.

Firemen started excavating the debris following a report that a resident might have been buried. The work was abandoned when all occupants had been accounted for.

Cold kills  
200

New Delhi, Dec. 26. An estimated 200 persons have died as a result of a cold wave in north India which entered its 10th day today without relief in sight.

The lowest temperature recorded was 34.0 Fahrenheit on Sunday. Lows all across the densely populated Upper Ganges Plain have been only a few degrees higher.—AP.

Christmas weather story. See Page 8.

BRITISH  
TROOPS  
ON THE  
ALERT

London, Dec. 26. The Defence Ministry announced tonight that it has put 300 servicemen, mostly crews of transport aircraft, on a standby alert in view of increased tension in the Middle East.

A military statement said:

"During the past 24 hours ourreatest that the Christmas period might be used to increase tension has been partially confirmed as far as the Middle East is concerned.

"Airfield operations are not thought to be imminent, certain small-scale precautionary measures have again had to be taken."

## Specific

The statement did not say in what specific area the tension has risen. But authoritative sources said Britain is worried by Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem's renewed threats to annex Kuwait.

There were reports recently that Iraqi troops were preparing to move against Kuwait "while the British forces are eating their Christmas pudding."

In addition to the five ships,

the Royal Navy here also sent out the frigate, HMS Chichester.

An RAF Shackleton bomber flew

Air-sea search  
futile, but  
tug returns to  
Hongkong

A distress signal from the 400-ton Panamanian tug, Inglis, adrift 200 miles south of Hongkong with a useless engine, launched a massive air-sea search for her on Christmas Day.

The ships and aircraft failed to find any trace of the tug, but she suddenly returned to the Colony under her own steam last night.

The tug sent out a radio message at 10 am on Monday, three days after she had left Hongkong for Sorong, West New Guinea, saying that her engine had broken down and that she was adrift.

She arrived last night and anchored at Junk Bay. She entered harbour this morning after immigration formalities.

Another ship, the Hongkong-licensed trading junk, Hailai, is believed to have been sunk after she sprang a leak about 180 miles northeast of Hongkong.

The 12 members of her crew have abandoned the vessel and were picked up by the Swedish vessel, Milos, which is expected to arrive this morning.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong Marine Department has sent out a warning to all shipping in the area that the abandoned vessel is a danger to navigation.

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# Kennedy's economic plans fulfilled END OF A GOOD YEAR And a better one promised for 1962

New York, Dec. 24.

The year 1961 closes a span of good economic performance with a better one promised for 1962.

Whether the inauguration of the Kennedy Administration in itself had anything to do with it is doubtful, still the fact remains that most of the economic promises of the incoming Democratic Administration have been fulfilled in good measure.

The only drawback was that the gains of 1961 would have been much bigger if they did not have to cover a lot of ground lost in the 1960 recession. And the one major complaint is that unemployment, after running close to seven per cent of the total labour force most of the year, has been whittled down to only 6.1 per cent just before year's end.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial productivity stands at just above 114 per cent of the average basis of 1957 (100 per cent). Again the major gains here were scored in the last two months of the year, indicating that the real push will come early in 1962.

The same holds true of consumer goods purchases which only in November broke through the \$19,000 million barrier. With brisk Christmas shopping reported everywhere, this volume should certainly set new marks for December.

## Momentum

Some question now remains whether the American consumer has finally loosened his purse strings as a sign of better things to come in 1962 or whether November and December will be merely isolated occurrences—the proverbial flash in the pan.

Again, most analysts believe the momentum will be sustained into the new year.

The steel mills and automobile assemblies are set for heavy volume in at least the first half of 1962. But from a purely economic standpoint the reason behind this may be questionable. While part of the stimulus here is no doubt a desire to build up low inventories and on the part of car makers the recent good sales; the main motivation can be said to consist of hedge buying—storing up on steel in pre-

## Payments

Where the Kennedy Administration did only a little better than its predecessor is the balance of payments situation. Stocks of foreign gold held in the United States are currently at a new peak—almost \$12,000 million—as a result of the latest transfer of \$51 million last week.

This followed on the heels of a \$300 million drain in November. All this reduced U.S. gold reserves to \$16,925,000,000 and raised the losses so far this year to \$842 million. The significant part of this is that of the total 1961 gold loss, \$677 million occurred in the last four months after a relatively promising first half of the year.

As a result of this, the Kennedy Administration is tightening again the enforcing of measures aimed at protecting the dollar.

## Currency

These are the recent agreements with Bonn for German military purchases in the U.S. to the tune of about \$700 million in 1962. But from a purely economic standpoint the reason behind this may be questionable.

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Then there is the unprecedented co-operation on the part of major western banks in protecting each other's currencies from speculators. For the first time in over a quarter of a century the U.S. Treasury is operating in the world currency markets to cope with sudden speculative movements that endanger the dollar's value. At home, the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System are deliberately pushing up interest rates on short-term government securities to keep them on a level competitive with interest rates paid in other countries.

Here Kennedy again deserves credit for starting the inevitable campaign of educating the uneducated, of opening guns against what he terms the challenge of the European Common Market and in what he has chosen to call the "test of capitalism" — fired only two weeks ago—his call for a broad tariff-cutting authority.

Behind this unseasonal burst of business was Monday's bid by the Imperial Chemical giant to merge with the Courtaulds man-

made textile and chemical complex, with ICI arguing that a single integrated firm could face up better to American and European competition.

Since then a lot has been said and written. But the full battle will not be joined until Congress resumes session in the new Year.

How well this battle goes for the administration depends in a large measure on how successful it will be in convincing the average American that in the newly emerging trading patterns of the world the United States is fast joining the ranks of those nations which, of necessity, have realised that their ultimate economic survival lies in giving up out-dated protectionist trading practices.—UPI.

## BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT

London, Dec. 24. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 20, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation, £2,457,233,463. Public deposits, 14,718,569. Private deposits, 305,07,007. Other securities, 1,458,474,820. Receipts, 18,983,114. Ratio 3.4—UPI.

## AGREED RATES

Swiss Francs: Maximum Selling: 75 1/10.

## SURPRISINGLY ACTIVE PRE-XMAS PERFORMANCE

### INDUSTRY

Stocks staged a surprisingly active show for pre-Christmas week and closed firm after bouts of selective buying had edged prices irregularly higher.

Opinion in Wall Street is split as to whether the market will experience its much-discussed year-end rally on schedule this week.

Today's volume was 3,180,000 shares.

Of 1,279 shares traded, 519 were higher and 520 lower.

American Exchange Volume was 1,850,000 shares.

Bonds volume amounted to \$5,040,000.

Dow-Jones Closing Averages:

30 Industrials, 723.09.  
20 Rail, 141.64.  
16 Utilities, 127.52.  
65 Stocks, 242.98.  
40 Bonds, 88.76.  
Comm. future price index, 148.08—UPI.

## LONDON MARKET

The London financial and commercial markets were closed for the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays, so that the next regular reports will be carried in tomorrow's editions.

This sparked talk of other take-overs to come and meanwhile money from the heavy sales of Unilever stocks here to meet American demand was being funneled into new investment homes. Despite repeated denials, the market was also prepared to believe in a link-up between Cunard Steamship and Peninsula and Oriental and both shipping counters moved up a shade Friday.

## Decline

Business tailed off towards the end of the week and after the lunch period Friday the market was almost at a standstill.

Three pointers showed in the week suggesting the economy was now on the decline. The number of unemployed showed a slight increase; not enough to change the national percentage of 1.7 per cent workless but nevertheless a straw in the wind.

The Financial Times Industrial index ended at 302.3 after adding 24 points in the week. This compared with the year's low of 284.7 and the high of 308.7.

Foreign bonds registered little change.—UPI.

## INDUSTRY

Thursday, Dec. 21 pm marked Last Yield Sale

**BANKS**  
S. W. Commerical of N.Y. \$24 5.3  
Commercial of N.Y. \$20/15 5.4  
**BUILDING MATERIALS**  
A.I.C. Industries 46/ 3.3  
Bldg. Mater. Inds. Ltd. 23/11 8.3  
Brickworks Ltd. 60/8 4.0  
Brownfield Mixed Constr. Co. Ltd. 17/3 2.6  
Wunderlich Ltd. 61/3 4.1  
Kendos Cement Co. 10/3 2.5  
McPhersons Ltd. 90/3 2.9  
**FINANCE**  
Assoc. Securities Ltd. 18/ 4.2  
Aust. Guarantee Corp. 13/10 3.4  
I.A.C. Holdings Ltd. 8/8 6.0  
Mercantile Credits Ltd. 8/8 6.0  
**ENGINEERING**  
Bentley Hill Pty. Co. Ltd. 68/ 1.8  
McPhersons Ltd. 48/8 3.5  
Wm. Adams & Co. Ltd. 58/ 5.1  
J. L. Lyons (Aust.) Ltd. 64/8 2.5  
**FOOD**  
Jas. Seddon Ltd. 7/ 2.7  
Strickland's Ltd. 10/ 2.5  
Mauri Bros. & French 10/ 2.5  
Rosells Preserving Co. Ltd. 33/ 3.8  
**IND. TRADING**  
Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. 90/6 2.2  
Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. 42/ 0.0  
W. B. Carpenter & Co. Ltd. 30/ 3.5  
**RETAIL STORES**  
David Jones Ltd. 18/ 4.1  
C. J. Cole & Co. Ltd. 31/10/ 5.2  
I. D. 30/ 3.3  
Waitons Ltd. 12/ 4.6  
Woolworths Ltd. 15/4 3.9  
**SHIP & MANUFACTURING**  
Aust. Cons. Indus. Ltd. 7/8 2.3  
Amidamited Wires Ltd. 20/3 3.5  
Aust. 48/ 4.3  
British United Fats Ltd. 24/ 4.3  
Bilmers & Oil Refineries Aust. 24/ 4.3  
Contalbore Ltd. 31/10/ 5.2  
Holdings Ltd. 10/ 4.0  
James Hardie Asbestos 84/8 2.4  
J. Fielding & Co. Ltd. 25/7 3.6  
John McGrath Ind. 22/8 3.3  
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C. 10/ 3.5  
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Yarns Felt Limited 10/ 0.7  
**NEWSPAPERS—T.V.**  
Newspaper Ind. Ltd. 27/3 3.0  
Printers & Publishers Ltd. 10/ 2.4  
**BASE METALS**  
Broken Hill South Ltd. 11/0 1.0  
Mount Isa Mines Ltd. 7/1 1.0  
New Bremen Hill Ltd. 10/ 1.0  
**RUBRITES**  
Deposit & Investment 14/0 8.3  
C. 10/ 3.5  
The Houses of Audit 10/ 0.7  
L. 24/9 2.1  
F. J. Walker Ltd. 24/9 2.1  
Gordon & Goch (Aust.) 10/ 0.7  
Washington H. Ross 10/ 0.7  
T. 21/ 3.1  
Sydney Stock Exchange 31/ 3.1  
Sydney Stock Exchange 31/ 3.1  
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# THREE LAOTIAN PRINCES TO HOLD TALKS

NEWS IN BRIEF—DEC. 26

## Shotgun explodes in Franco's hands

Madrid — General Francisco Franco broke all the bones in his left hand when a shotgun exploded in his hands on Sunday.



General Franco

## Belief

Berlin — Francis Cardinal Spellman, from the Catholic Archdiocese of New York and Vicar of the U.S. Armed Forces, paid tribute last night to the soldiers on duty to protect the United States from the "merciless clutch and shackles of godless hating men."

He told 1,500 soldiers and occupation officials gathered in the U.S. Army gymnasium for a midnight mass that belief in God and liberty would triumph over Communism.—UPI

## Famed U.S. landmark up in smoke

Nashville, Dec. 26. One of the last landmarks of the Southern U.S. — the historic Maxwell House, lay in smoking ruins today, as a result of a Christmas night fire which roared through its five floors.

Only the fire-blackened outer brick walls remained standing, like silent sentinels over the hotel's 102-year history.

Scores of firemen were able to prevent the blaze from spreading to adjacent buildings in the heart of Nashville's business district. But this last of several fires over the years was too much for the Maxwell House, one-time social and political centre of this area.

Damage estimates ranged to more than a million dollars. Officials said the fire started on the fourth floor and soon spread beyond control. All the 60 to 70 guests apparently were evacuated safely. One man, however, was still unaccounted for.

Dating back to 1859, the unfinished Maxwell House served temporarily as a Yankee prison during the Civil War and sometimes housed as many as 400 Confederate soldiers.—AP

## Duchess of Kent expecting child

London, Dec. 26. The Duchess of Kent, the Yorkshire lass who married the 26-year-old Duke of Kent last June, is expecting a child next summer, it was announced today.

A family spokesman at their Buckinghamshire home said the former Miss Katharine Worsley, 23, was being attended by Sir John Peel, the royal obstetrician who was in charge of the birth

## KENNEDY VISITS FATHER

Palm Beach, Dec. 26. President Kennedy spent a half hour here in Florida today at the sickbed of his father Mr. Joseph Kennedy whose condition remained unchanged.

The President was to undergo a medical examination himself this afternoon, it was learned here. Informed sources said the check-up was "routine" and would check the effects of an accident President Kennedy had last summer when he planted a symbolic tree in Canada.

Dr. Preston Wade has arrived here from New York specially to give the President the medical examination.—UPI

## Peace Corps

Washington — Mr. Sargent Shriver, Director of the U.S. Peace Corps, said in a television interview on Sunday that the Corps has received requests from foreign governments to send 15,000 Peace Corpsmen abroad.

The Corps has only been able to send 500 so far, he said. He said it's next year we want to have 2,300 corpsmen in service.—UPI

## Just love'

Caif: When reporters asked Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower today when she gave her husband for Christmas, she responded:

"Just my love."

Asked what the former President gave her, she said: "He gave me the same."—UPI

## Launch tragedy

Manila — Thirteen persons, including children, were confirmed today to have died when a ferry launch carrying holiday passengers capsized and sank in Pangal Bay in Southern Philippines last Saturday.—UPI

## Free of mines

Panum — The Indian Navy has declared Goa's main port of Matimago free of mines and normal activity was expected to begin immediately.

A Navy announcement said mines which the Portuguese placed were swept from the harbour.—AP

## Death line

Los Angeles — An out-of-control automobile struck two parked cars near a downtown intersection and then crashed into a line of men waiting for Christmas dinner at a rescue mission.

Two men were killed instantly and 14 others injured.—UPI

## Prison mutiny

Rio de Janeiro — Rebellious prisoners barricaded themselves in a cell block today during a prison mutiny in which a convict and a guard were killed.

His mail from abroad included a number of Christmas cards.

During the holidays he stopped work on his memoirs, and at least 20 wounded.—UPI

## Eichmann's Christmas

## Turkey dinner, but no service

## Jerusalem, Dec. 26.

Adolf Eichmann refused an offer of a special Christmas service to be held for him by a clergyman in his death cell in Ramle Prison near Tel Aviv, it was learned here today.

## Empire State Building to be sold

## New York, Dec. 26.

The Empire State Building, tallest skyscraper in the world, changes hand for \$65 million (about £22,000,000), tomorrow in one of the largest and most complex property deals in history.

The Prudential Insurance Company will pay \$29 million for the title to the 102-storey building, leasing rights valued at \$36 million will go to Mr. Lawrence Wien, New York lawyer and real estate operator who conceived the transaction.

Mr. Wien, Colonel Henry Crown, a Chicago financier and present owner of the building and Mr. Louis Menagh, President of Prudential, will complete the deal in Newark, New Jersey.

The contract is 400 pages long and the signing is expected to take about five hours.—Reuter.

## Indian ship on fire

## Rotterdam, Dec. 26.

The Indian steamship "Indian Trader" (7,887 tons) arrived today in Rotterdam harbour with a burning cargo of 2,000 tons of fodder in four holds, Rotterdam police said.

The fire brigade will open the hold tomorrow and supervise the unloading of the fodder.—UPI

## Last chance for a settlement

Vientiane, Dec. 26. Talks between the three Laotian leaders, due to start here tomorrow, may be the last chance of political settlement for Laos, according to observers here.

The three leaders — Prince Boua Oum, right wing Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, the neutralist leader and his half-brother Prince Souphanouvong, pro-Communist — have been urged by the 14-power conference in Geneva to form a coalition government quickly and to send a delegation to the Geneva talks.

Prince Souvanna and his half-brother are due here by air tomorrow. They have each been allotted four limousines and a villa surrounded by corrugated iron to guard against snipers and curious onlookers.

Troops will guard the building where the three will meet with advisers who include the right-wing vice-Premier, General Phoumi Nosavan.

## URGENCY

Tomorrow's talks are the outcome of three months hard work by British, American, French and Russian diplomats. They varied from gentle persuasion to hard pressure in efforts to get the three dissident factions together.

Delegates to the Geneva conference attach the greatest urgency to a united Laotian team attending the Geneva talks now that they have reached agreement on nearly all international aspects of the problem of making and keeping Laos neutral. They say the few outstanding major issues can only be settled with the agreement of such a delegation.

(The Geneva conference is due to meet again on January 3 and it is hoped the Laotian delegation will be there by then.)—Reuter.

## Michael's Art Collection

## Brazilian general relieved

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 26. An Army general who sent 200 soldiers to wreck the editorial offices of a weekly magazine which had "insulted" him, was relieved of his command today.

War Minister Joao Segadas Viana relieved Joao Segadas Bley of command of the fourth infantry division stationed in Belo Horizonte.

Gen. Bley received a black eye in a brief scuffle with editor Jose Maria Rabelo of the magazine "Blomio" after the latter refused to reveal the name of the author of an article which the general considered insulting.—UPI

## ON TOP OF ANCIENT CHURCH

## Greek, Roman Catholic priests stage battle

Bethlehem, Dec. 25. Greek Catholic priests and Roman Catholic Franciscan Officials staged a brief battle with wine and beer bottles on top of the ancient Church of the Nativity yesterday as Western Christians began Christmas ceremonies honouring the birth of Christ here in Jordan.

Angry spectators, watching the battle from another section of the roof a few yards away, shouted to the priests to stop the fight in which empty bottles smashed against the stone church's outside walls and roof.

Two or three empty bottles went over the roof's edge and smashed into the stone court yard in front of the church where several hundred Christian tourist pilgrims had gathered to watch the ceremony.

The trouble began as Roman Catholic Patriarch Msgr. Alberto Gori led a slow solemn procession through the church's outer court towards the single low entrance.

He was due to enter the main basilica of the church when a white-bearded Greek Orthodox priest, in a long black robe, appeared on top of the wall at one end of the church roof and threw an empty bottle at

the Franciscans on another roof below.

Within the church other Greek priests protested that the Latin Patriarch was a half hour late entering the church.

Two or three empty bottles

were thrown at the church.

A Greek priest threw the first bottle yesterday at a brown-robed Franciscan on the Greek-roofed section of the roof below. The priest was joined immediately by another brown-robed Greek priest who brought additional bottles.

Both priests were armed with sticks and broken bottles.

The bottles shattered around a half dozen Franciscans.

When some failed to break the Franciscans grabbed them and threw them back at the Greeks.

There were no direct hits.

UPI

## Cold weather grips Europe, northern U.S.

London, Dec. 26. Icy weather gripped Northern Europe and Scandinavia today, but some Mediterranean countries had a wet Christmas and Boxing Day.

The northern half of the United States had thick snow and even in Florida, the "sunshine state," temperatures dropped to 23 degrees.

Britain began warming up after its second coldest Christmas day of this century. Scattered areas in Northern England and Scotland had a White Christmas.

Sweden was snowbound today, and colder weather is expected there. The temperature in Stockholm was 18 degrees Fahrenheit.

Most of East Germany had a white Christmas. West Germany had little snow, but widespread frost and sunshine. Sliding was possible in parts of the Harz and Sauerland mountains and in some alpine areas.

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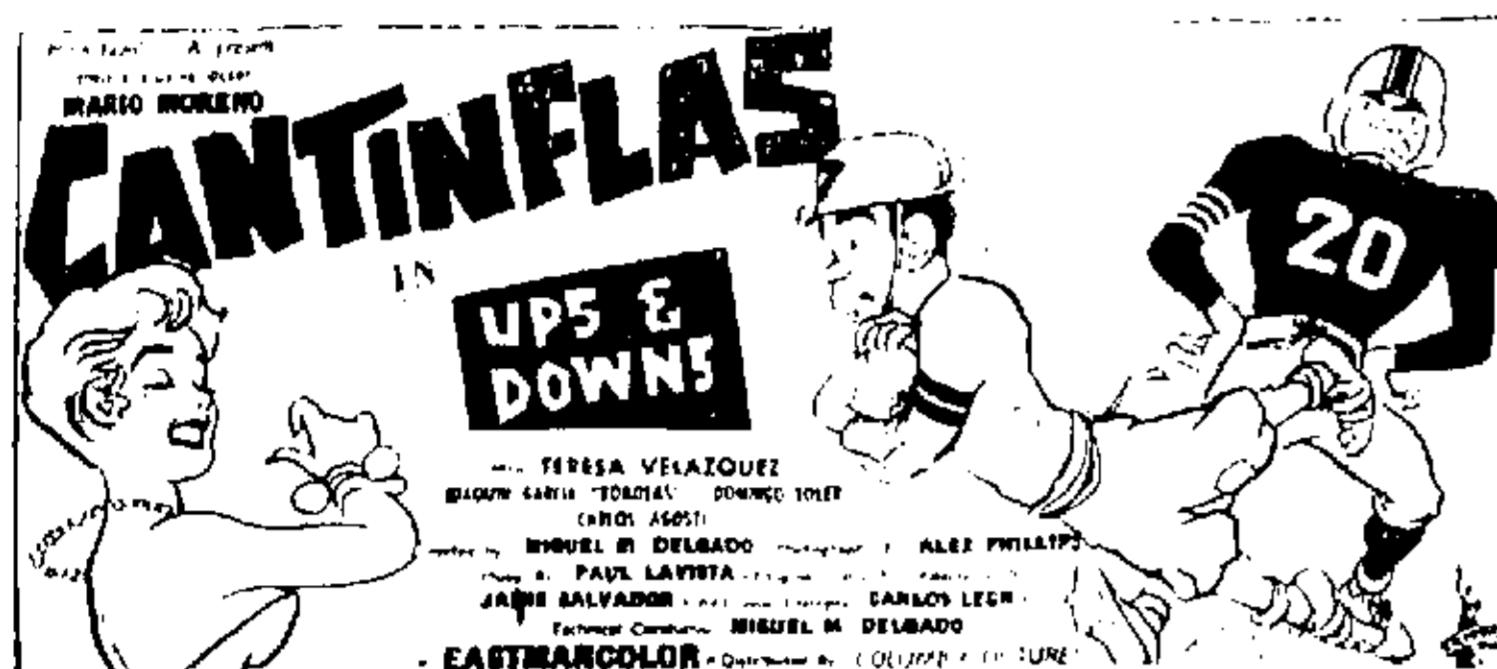


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BY IAN FLEMING  
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Thousands of children were entertained at the Bishop Ford Memorial School on Christmas Day. Photo shows a performance by school children which was one of the highlights of the 3-hour show.

SCHOOLS HOLD BIG  
CHRISTMAS PARTIES

More than 4,000 students of the Bishop Ford Memorial School, Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, were entertained to a Christmas party at the school compound on Christmas Day.

Christmas plays, folk dances and a record recital were the highlights of the three-hour programme. At the conclusion, food parcels which were collected from voluntary organisations, were distributed to the children.

Later in the evening, more than 3,000 adults were treated to a performance of Cantonese plays by the Bishop Ford Centre. They were also given food parcels and other presents.

## Other schools

Many schools in Kowloon also held Christmas parties on Monday.

At the Alliance Primary School in Kowloon Tong, more than 400 students from the Chinese and English Sunday Schools of the Alliance Christian and Missionary Church

Residence  
robbed

Two men, one of them armed with a chopper, robbed a private residence at 29 Boundary-street, mezzanine floor, at 3.25 a.m. on Saturday and got away with cash and property valued at more than \$1,000.

One man was reported to have been shot in Li Cheng Uk area at about 4.20 a.m. It was not ascertained whether he was one of the suspects.

Valuables stolen were one gold necklace, one child's gold necklace, one gold finger-ring, one gentleman's wrist watch, one lady's watch, one Parker fountain pen and \$400 in cash.

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STUDENT  
CONCERT  
CRITICISED

by D. E. GRAY

At the King's Theatre on Sunday morning, a public concert by young students of music was heard. Organised by Yee Hsi Yuen, one of the players in the violin section of the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra, the performers aged from about seven upwards.

It was obvious that most participants were of rather meagre proficiency and experience.

The items in the programme included solos for piano, violin, pi-pa and cello, a harmonic ensemble, and finally string quartet. Of them all, the Handel Violin Sonata, played by a young school-boy, was perhaps worthy of most favourable comment, for he has a very sweet tone, and his playing seemed to have musically possibilities which were relatively absent in the great majority of the performers.

The Chopin Etudes were played with considerable understanding by another young man, who also acted as accompanist for the performance of the first movement of the Beethoven D major Violin Sonata.

In this capacity, I'm afraid he was sadly lacking and this beautiful sonata, which demands a fine degree of partnership and understanding between violin and piano, was performed in a way which left no doubt that the real meaning of the sonata had escaped the pianist, at least.

The violinist, in addition, played some unaccompanied Bach, replacing the Sarasate 'Romance Andaluza' shown in the programme.

Unaccompanied Bach is no easy matter—even the best violinists fall down on it, and in this instance one can only say that the performance did not even begin to approximate true Bach.

About the string quartet effort nothing much can be said except that faulty intonation all round was a characteristic of the performance, making it at times almost unrecognizable.

It does seem to me that here in Hongkong we should be able to field a better array of student musicians for appearance at a public concert. We all know that proficiency in music, as in any art of discipline, is a gradual process, but surely the public ought not to be exposed to the efforts of music students while they are still in embryo.

FACES CHARGE  
OF ESCAPING  
FROM JAIL

An unemployed man, Tsui Ying-mo, 30, of no fixed address, appeared before Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of escaping from prison.

Tsui was remanded in custody until Friday.

It is alleged that on December 12 Tsui escaped from Chi Ma Wan Prison when he was then a prisoner there undergoing a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment passed on him for three counts of obtaining money by false pretences.

No plea was taken.

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# 'I WILL MAKE IT MINE —OR I'LL WRECK IT'

I HAVE just been standing on one of the few armed frontiers left on British territory. A frontier that has often been the subject of bitter controversy in the past 257 years.

It is the frontier between Gibraltar and Spain.

While the attention of the world has been focused on other parts of the area, this has continued to be an uneasy border where British troops keep guard 24 hours a day.

The Spanish restrictions on the frontier are seen here as a direct attempt to stifle the economy of Gibraltar, to which Spain lays claim. And to Gibraltarians, who are possibly the most pro-British of all people living on British territory, it seems that Britain is not giving them anything like enough support.

## Union Jack

Scuttlamps were perched along the high-backed wire, which stretches across the narrow isthmus connecting the Rock of Gibraltar to Spain. A Union Jack fluttered above the guard post.

Only a few feet away the grey-uniformed Spanish frontier police stood around their post and beyond them the road stretched away across the marshy land to La Línea and the Spanish frontier.

Since 1954, when the Queen visited Gibraltar and there were anti-British riots in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain has imposed restrictions on this wretchedly unhappy frontier that must be almost unprecedented between

## THAT IS FRANCO'S AIM SAY PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR

by  
BRIAN GARDNER

two nations which are meant to be friendly and at peace.

The Spanish Consulate in Gibraltar is still closed. But more serious is the fact that Spanish nationals are not allowed into Gibraltar without permits, which are practically impossible to get.

Normally there would be over 200,000 coming into Gibraltar every year, spending in the cheap but excellent shops and hotels.

## Obsession

Russia is the only other country with which Spain has such a regulation. There is no doubt that the reason for it is to prevent Gibraltar from advancing economically.

For over the years it has become clear that Franco has an obsession about Gibraltar. If he cannot get it he intends to ruin it.

Franco realises that the days of Gibraltar's strategic value are numbered. In future the Colony must rely on import-export trade, and on tourism especially.

The only Spaniards who are allowed to come in are those who had "work permits" before 1954.

They come streaming through every morning, 10,000 of them, and out again at night. They provide about half of Gibraltar's working force. (The total civilian population is 25,000.)

For the past seven years Gibraltarians have had to live

The Gibraltarians would feel a lot more confident if they felt they were getting full support from Britain. They are not of Spanish stock themselves, but of mixed Italian, Maltese, and Spanish blood.

Customs control has, however, eased recently. Whereas not long ago it could take three hours to pass through, now it takes only a few minutes. This seems to be a measure more of the local authorities than of Madrid. They got tired of the deliberate slow-down, and the long queues of cars.

"We have always suggested that Britain should exert any pressure possible on Spain to get the restrictions on our border eased," he said. "We asked for it, for instance, when Spain wanted to join the E.E.C. But it was not done."

"Opportunities are always arising, but Britain never seems to take the chance to get some relief for Gibraltar."

I drove through the frontier to the nearest large Spanish town of Algeciras, to check on this myself.

Nobody was anxious to speak against the Franco line in Algeciras, but it was quite plain that they hoped that the situation at the frontier would improve.

I knew what lay behind this wish for the Campo, as the hinterland of Gibraltar is called, a poor land where the standard of living seems pitifully low compared to Gibraltar.

On the Rock there are few signs of the pressure from Spain. The streets are jammed with cars, the tax-free shops are stocked with every conceivable article and food from all over the world.

But the fact is that tourism is only increasing very slowly, and the military and naval personnel are decreasing.

Gibraltar has outstanding tourist potential. The sun shines throughout the year. Cigarettes are 1s. 8d. for 20. A four-course meal at a luxury hotel costs only 15s.

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## Support

When he asked about the extra 10 per cent he was told that would be the workers that come in every day from Spain."

The Gibraltar point of view was summed up for me by Mayor Hassan—an extremely able lawyer and politician—who said: "Here is a small but loyal community which wants to be nothing but British. But we feel we have a right to be supported in our desire to maintain our present way of life."

It would indeed be a sad thing if this isolated Colony, with its long and noble history, and its deep attachments to Britain, should be neglected by Britain.

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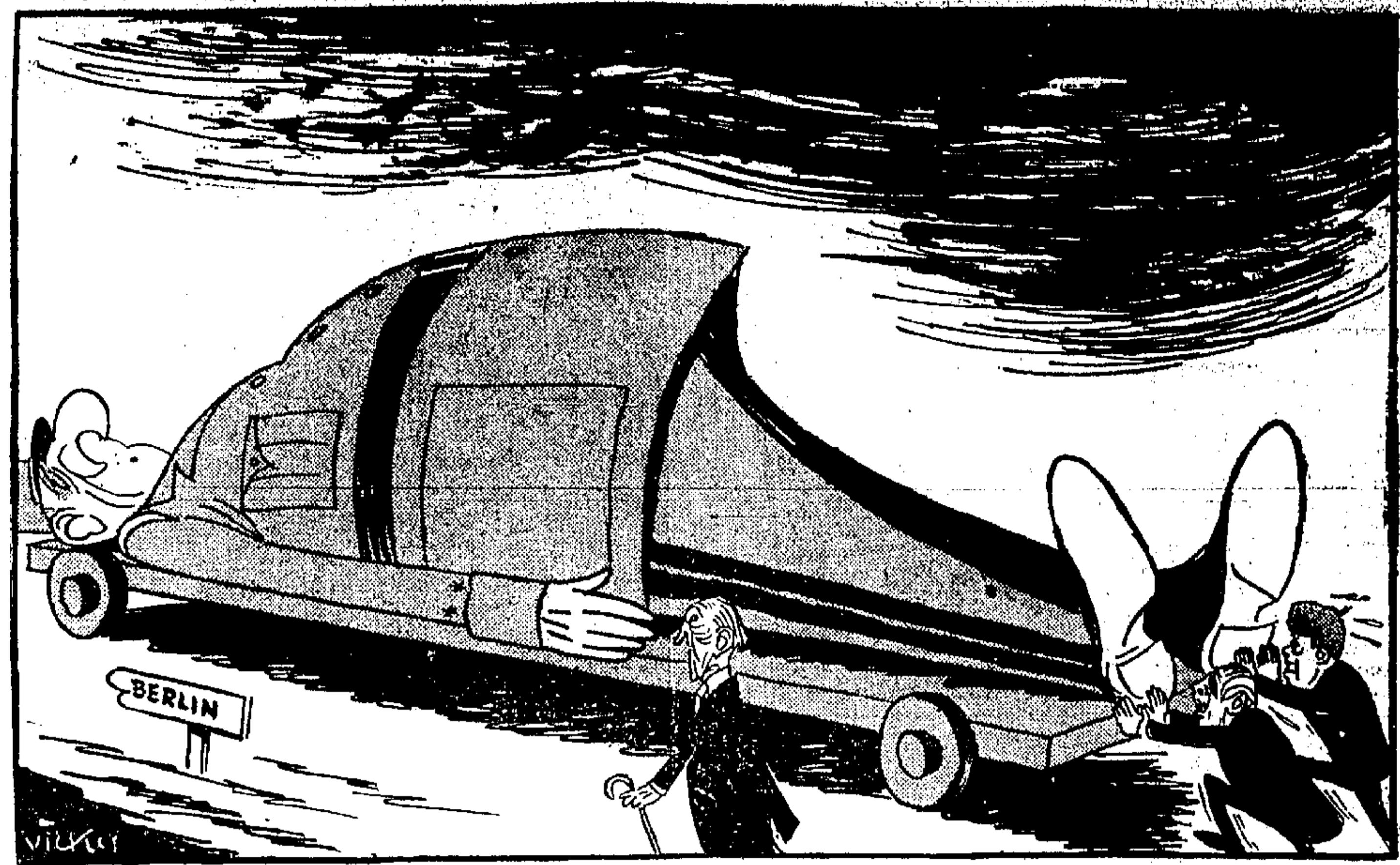
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## WHY DO WE STIR UP TROUBLE IN THE FAMILY?

SECRETS are like nuclear weapons. Clear or dirty, we should be happier without them. When a man comes home late and says that the reason is secret, his wife suspects the worst.

It will not do much good for the man to wax indignant if a friend "leaks" the real reason. He would do much better to have nothing to hide.

So too in public affairs. Secrecy is a warning gong which indicates that something fishy is going on.

The Common Market is the great secret of the moment. To judge from the Government's behaviour, it is a dirty secret too.

Governments often hide things from their own people. Our Government has done worse.

It hides things from the Governments of our sister nations in the Commonwealth. And is indignant when the Governments try to find out. Yet, to judge from the hullabaloo last month over the "leak," you would think that the Canadian Government, not ours, was at fault.

Of course, we do not go on living in the same house when we grow up. But if we are in trouble we turn first to our sisters and brothers. And we know that they will help us.

We are sorry for the only child. Why should we wilfully insist on becoming an only child in international affairs?

Traditions

The Commonwealth is not all that it should be. Though it is by far our best export market, it has never become the great Free Trade area of Joseph Chamberlain's dream.

But whose fault is this? Is it all the fault of Commonwealth Governments who have behaved selfishly? No, it is just as much the fault of successive British Governments.

I have no hostility to any foreign country, though there is one I do not much care for. I recognise that there are many interests and many traditions which we share with the countries of Europe.

But it gives me a turn when the members of the Commonwealth are treated in the same way, or worse. Call it sentiment, emotion, anything else you like.

The fact remains that the nations of the Commonwealth are our brothers and sisters, and that foreign countries are not.

The fact is true in the most literal sense. Millions of people in Canada, in Australia, and in New Zealand are our relations by blood.

When they or their ancestors left this country, they did not cease to be British. They went to the Colonies or the Dominions in order to remain British. They took with them an allegiance to our institutions, to our soil, to our common past.

Go to any of the Dominions, as I did to Canada this autumn, and you can't help saying to yourself, "This is Home—with all its virtues and no doubt with many of its faults but Home all the same."

You do not feel the same even at Calais.

The Dominions have our legal system. They have our political institutions. Their people read our books, think like us, argue like us.

When I visited Canadian universities, I could detect no difference between them and British universities except that they were a bit livelier. Our approach to academic problems was exactly the same.

A familiar story—new

furniture, a fridge, a washing machine, the signs of affluence and, for many harassed housewives, each one a necessity.

For some, buying them even

on the "never-never" proves too

much. And one of the sins of

"never-never" buying is to sell

the goods before you have paid

the final instalment.

EMBARRASSING

It is this that leads so many housewives up the stairs to the door to face the magistrate.

Hire-purchase in this country

was for years regarded as not

quite respectable. It was the "tallyman" business.

The very poor were forced to buy

their goods on the "knockers"

with the payments collected

weekly. And a good tallyman

knew just how far his customers

could afford to go.

Now, everybody buys on

the "knockers" except that

you can't make your payments

discreetly through the banks.

Since January 1959 the

nation's debts to the hire

purchase firms have soared

£388 million to a near-

record £883 million.

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To this extent the banks

have been criticised in the City

for entering the hire-purchase

trade.

For in the City they believe:

Cobblers should stick to their

lasts and bankers should stick

to banking.

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## AS THE BAD DEBTS PILE UP

... I say the banks must share the blame

by  
FREDERICK ELLIS

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## WOMANSENSE

LADY LUCK-  
YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Don't let an appeal to your emotions affect your judgment, but come to a conclusion based solely on facts.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Follow your instinct in a matter of romance, rather than the advice of a well-meaning friend.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Postpone tasks which can wait until after the holidays, instead of crowding too much into an already busy week.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 18): An issue which you can't avoid facing eventually will be easier to deal with now than later.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): You will be glad of a chance to do a friend a good turn, and thus repay him in part for his many favours.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): An outdoor occupation may suit your temperament better, and you should accept an offer to try it out for a while.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): When delegating part of your work to an assistant, choose someone you can trust not to need supervision.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): A document to be signed on the first of the year should not be left for perusal until the last moment.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): Before plunging into an adventurous undertaking, be sure you are fully aware of its considerable risks.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Resolve to live well within your income next year.

and not spend on the basis of expectations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): In spite of your fears, a relative's visit will interfere very little with your normal routine.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Consider the source of a piece of flagrant flattery, before you allow it to turn your head.

**YOUR LUCKY CARD:** If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the SEVEN of DIAMONDS

## Helen Burke

## RECIPE

## JACKET POTATOES

**R**EALLY large potatoes (and there are lots of them about) lend themselves to many interesting presentations. First, to serve with cold meats:

For four servings, bake four large washed potatoes in their skins. This will take 50 to 60 minutes in a hot oven. When they are soft enough, roll each in a cloth between the palms of the hands, pressing them to break up the insides.

Slash three-quarters of their length and pop a pat of butter into each potato. Have ready four to five tablespoons of sour or cultured cream, to which has been added a good teaspoon of dried chives, first soaked in warm milk. Spoon a portion into each potato—and serve as soon as possible.

For a light supper dish, allow a baked large jacket potato per person. Cut a shallow slice off the full length of each, and spoon out the inside, leaving just enough to form a wall for the shell.

Whip the scooped-out "flesh" with a little butter and milk, heated together, and add salt and pepper to taste. Break an egg into each potato "shell" and top it with the whipped mixture. Return to the oven to heat through and cook the eggs.

"As far as I can see I am virtually unemployable. How can one overcome one's lack of training, experience and part-time availability?"

This from a woman with an Oxford degree in politics, philosophy and economics, plus fluent Italian and French.

Her particular depth of depression showed still more when

she wrote: "As for looks—the change radically before I find trouble is one is simply never seen any more."

## Exciting...?

**PHOEBE MELLORS** from Putney wrote: "I am an Oxford BA, wife of a successful advertising man . . . but please tell me how to make myself and my life more exciting. To find out more about these flagging eggs I invited both

Maureen Hadfield agreed. "So many of my neighbours are grumble. I grumble, too, but they're not really prepared to get down to some sort of job.

"There's a general attitude that one is not really up to it . . . that any ambition is hopeless to achieve."

"Nothing is hopeless," Jackie went on. "When my husband first retired we had to give our energies to something, for financial reasons, apart from anything else."

"To keep the home in the country going, we decided on the duck farm.

"Now that is successful—we sell about 1,000 ducklings a week—I want to find something to utilise the asset of our London home—perhaps entertaining for a firm or something."

"But then you're a born organiser," said Margery Hurst. "I could give you a job any day of the week. The cabbages were born to be cabbages."

"I avoid those," said Phoebe firmly. "It's all too easy to live in a woman's world of tea parties."

"As a man grows older, if he's successful, he becomes more and more absorbed in his work, therefore a woman must achieve some independence if he doesn't want misery."

"I'm one of those elusive married women whom Sir David Eccles is rather ineffectively pursuing to return to teaching, something I'm reluctant to do until his friends at the Treasury ensure I would receive a little more money and my husband would have to pay a little less tax."

## So lonely

"CERTAINLY a woman works either for money or prestige—nothing else," said Margery Hurst.

"Oh, no," said Susan Pulbrook. "I started because I was desperately lonely."

"I sat down and thought what on earth can I do. I decided on flowers because I'd loved them all my life. Now I'm obsessed with my business."

"But work isn't my life, although I'd hate to give it up . . ."

"I told Mother Hubbard that I was sure she was going to sit on the eggs and keep them warm until they hatched."

"She smiled and said:

"You come home with me, Simon, and you'll see what I'm going to do with these eggs."

"So I went home with her. She broke the eggs and put them in a frying pan and made me an omelette. And now," said Simple Simon to Knauf and Hanid, "I'm all mixed up. I just can't figure out a thing about eggs."

"So I walked down the road again," continued Simon. "I met a Duck and she said she wasn't sitting on the ground to rest herself. She said she was sitting on her eggs."

"Then I met a Squirrel and he said he wasn't sitting on eggs. He said he was sitting on the ground to get ready to eat a peanut."

"And then," said Simon, "I met old Mother Hubbard. She was coming from the grocery store with a whole box of eggs."

"Good morning, Mother Hubbard," I said. "I bet I know what you're going to do with all those eggs."

"You do, Simon, you clever boy," she asked. "Well, what am I going to do with all these eggs?"

"That's what I thought after I left the hen," said Simon. "I walked down the road a little further and I saw a cat. He

## Shirley Lord

## Beating the blues—it's woman's biggest enemy

**K**NITTING, travel, Scrabble, bottling, philately—all these irresistible activities—and thousands more, of course, have been devised to beat the blues, combat the boredom and knock the bottom right out of *ennui* . . . unfortunately, not one has ever proved sufficiently compelling to win a permanent victory.

That people continue to be bored is one of our greatest growing problems.

Admittedly, it appears to be more of a female complaint than a male one . . . his lethargy of spirit is usually confined to Sunday afternoon, when, poor chap, time apparently ticks away interminably slowly after the Yorkshire pud and before the tinned salmon for tea.

Apart from this lull in his week, he just can't understand what the little woman means when she murmurs about the lack of stimulus and outside interests in her life . . . there's shopping isn't there, shopping isn't there? Maureen Hadfield agreed. "So many of my neighbours grumble. I grumble, too, but they're not really prepared to get down to some sort of job.

"There's a general attitude that one is not really up to it . . . that any ambition is hopeless to achieve."

"Nothing is hopeless," Jackie went on. "When my husband first retired we had to give our energies to something, for financial reasons, apart from anything else."

We all rounded on her. "With your qualifications and looks—why you could do anything."

"Oh, looks," she said. "I don't bother about those. I never wear make-up during the day and just slop around in my house until then."

"The important thing is to think more of yourself," said Dorothy. "Saying 'what's the point of make-up at home' is a negative approach. Don't listen to the downgraders."

It seemed as if we had reached the axis of Maureen's problem. Not caring how she looked, no confidence in her obvious abilities.

"Take a shorthand course," said Margery Hurst. "Then I can get you into the BBC."

DOROTHY DAVIES  
"Too-right nowsoft."MARGERY HURST  
"It's always always."JACQUELINE KILLEARN  
"Get-down to do."

## THE GUESTS ROUND MY TABLE...

BABS PULBROOK  
"Business is best."PHOEBE MELLORS  
"I want a change."MAUREEN HADFIELD  
"Fortunate... but."

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Helena Rubinstein once said to me: "Work is the only excitement which lasts." None of my guests agreed with her, but did any of them want to stop? No, only — in the cases of Phoebe and Maureen—to start. They could hardly wait.

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## Quick job

AND what about Phoebe? said Margery Hurst. "Then I offered her a job right away."

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## Simon Is Puzzled

## —He Doesn't Understand About Eggs Hatching—

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**K**NARF and Hanid, the Shadow children with the Turned-About Names, made themselves small and squeezed themselves inside the Mother Goose Book. They found themselves on a sunny country road.

By and by they met Simple Simon sitting on a fence.

Simple Simon looked puzzled. "Good morning, Simon," said Knauf and Hanid.

He was puzzled.

"Good morning," said Simple Simon. "I just can't figure it out."

"What can't you just figure out, Simon?" Hanid asked.

"About eggs," said Simon. He looked more puzzled than ever.

He pushed his straw hat back and scratched his head. "No, I can't figure it out at all."

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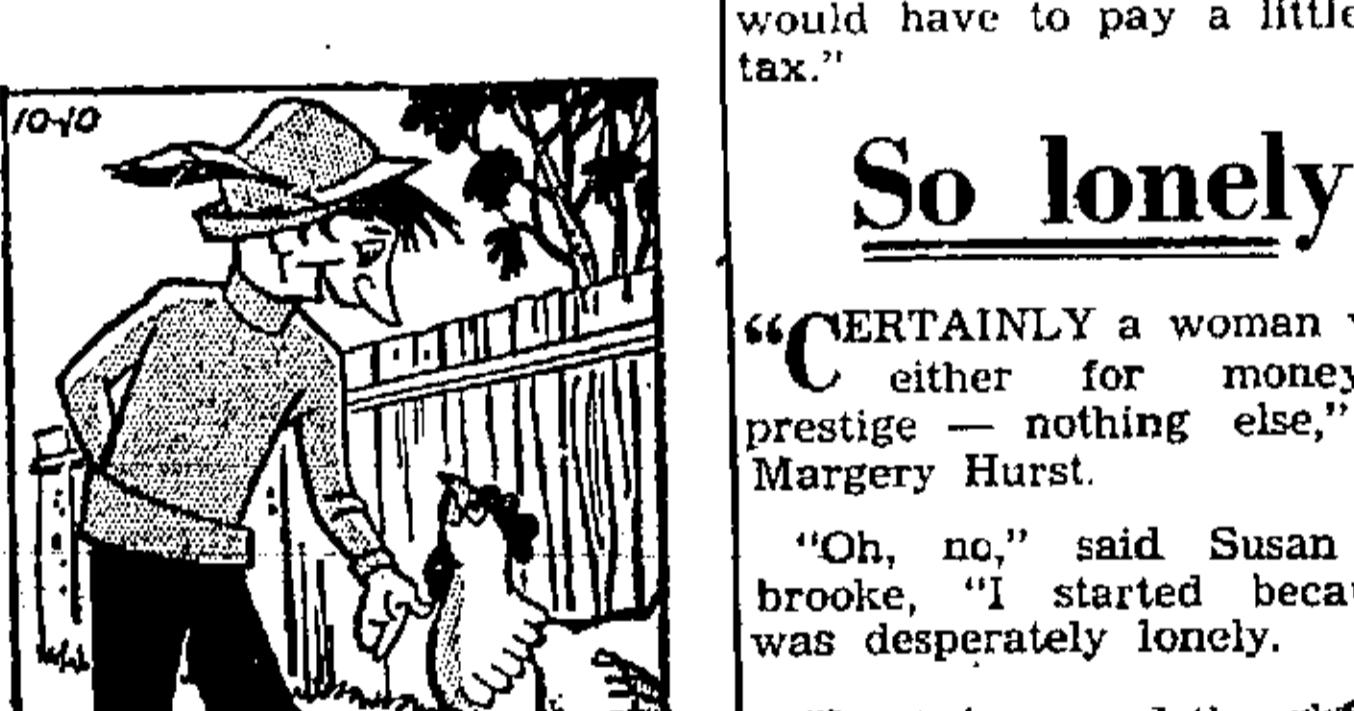
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"Why are you sitting on your eggs?"

He was surprised. "What am I sitting on?"

"Aha!" said Knauf. "You're sitting on your eggs."

"I'm not sitting on the ground," repeated the Cat. He looked surprised.

"What am I sitting on?" he asked.

"I'm not sitting on the ground," said Hanid. "I'm sitting on the fence."

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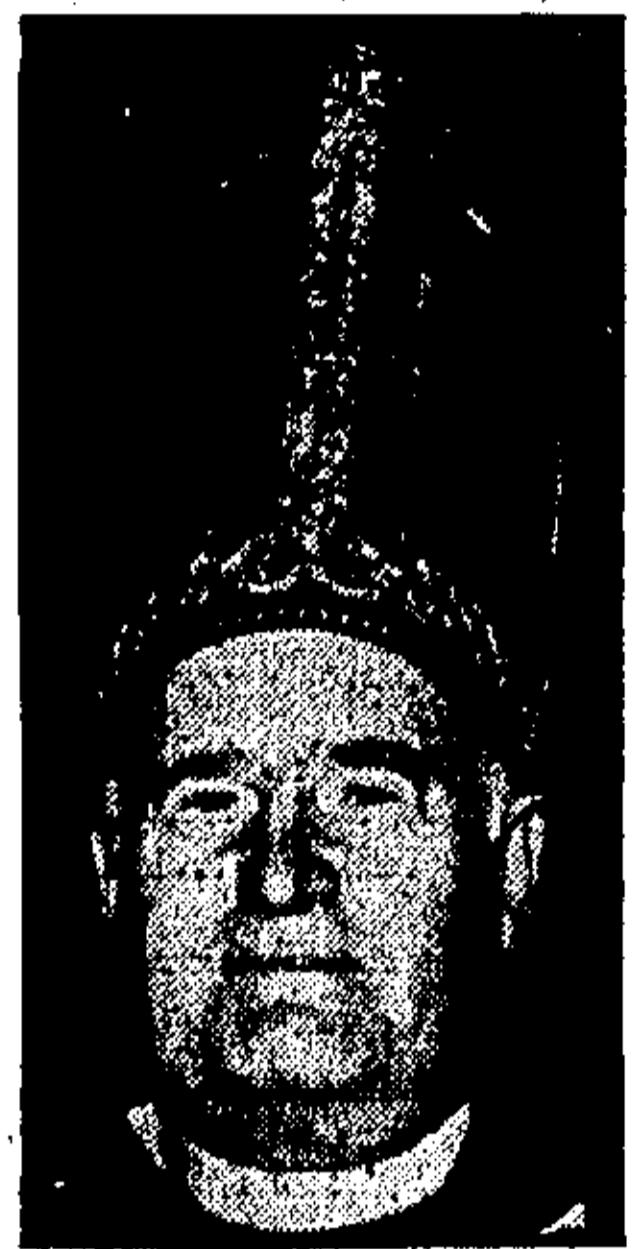
# Christmas message from Canterbury 'FIGHT POVERTY'

*Plea by  
Anglican  
primate*

Canterbury, Dec. 25. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr A. M. Ramsey, called on the nations of the world today to join in a battle against poverty.

"A fortnight ago I saw in Calcutta rows and rows of homeless refugees sleeping on pavements," he recalled in a Christmas Day sermon prepared for delivery at Canterbury cathedral.

Reading from the text, "We behold his glory" (St John 1, 14), Dr Ramsey declared,



Dr Ramsey

"To the nations, Christmas has its urgent message: that their true glory is to serve one another, to eschew the lust for power, to agree together to abandon their weapons of destruction, to let the rich and the strong serve the poor and the weak."

"To all of us, Christmas has its urgent message: to serve those in distress, the homeless, the refugees."—AP.

## Pope's plea for peace—even if it means sacrifices

Vatican City, Dec. 25. Pope John began Christmas Day with a plea to the leaders of the world to seek peace through negotiations "even if these demand sacrifices and renunciations."

The 80-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church, speaking at a midnight Mass, made one of his strongest appeals for peaceful negotiation.

He spoke of the Christ Child as the "Prince of Peace," saying:

"It is the peace of men with each other and with God that Christ came to preach and establish on earth, sealing it with his blood."

In his prepared speech, the Pope said his thoughts turned "to those who hold in their hands the temporal destiny of peoples, and on whom depends for a large part the maintenance and the progress of peace on earth."

### Guiding star

He recalled that in his main Christmas message, made public four days ago, he had mentioned "how great was their responsibility before God."

"It is also great before men, for the judgment of history will be severe with those who will not have done all in their power to free humanity of the pest of war."

"It is for this reason that we pray that the sweet clarity of this night of Christmas may also enlighten them—and them above all—and that the Star of Bethlehem may guide them on the path of peace."—AP.



The Pope

### ROME CALLS ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Rome, Dec. 25.

Pope John issued a papal bull today convening the first Ecumenical Council since 1870 in Rome in 1962.

The council is expected to bring to the Vatican 3,000 members of the church hierarchy, no firm date has been set.

Protestant and other non-Catholic churchmen are expected to be invited to attend some of the sessions in St Peter's Basilica as "observers."

One of the main issues on the Council's agenda is church unity.—UPI.

### Good wishes from Pope John

Vatican City, Dec. 26.

Pope John has sent a message of "Christmas good wishes and encouragement" to Cardinal Archbishop Stefan Wyszyński, of Warsaw, for the Catholics of Poland, a Vatican press office spokesman said today.

The Pontiff is said to have sent the message as a token of special affection for the Cardinal, who has not visited Rome for a long time, and for Polish Catholics generally.—Reuter.

### Up a million

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

The population of Japan was 94,280,000 as of October 1, 1961, the Prime Minister's office said today, in announcing the result of the latest national census.

The office's statistics bureau said this was an increase of 870,000 over the previous year's total of 93,420,000 when the last census was made in October 1.—AP.

### Adopted baby

Hollywood, Dec. 25.

Comedian Jimmy Durante and his wife, Marge, are caring for a baby girl. And they say they plan to adopt her.

"It's an answer to our prayer," said Mrs Durante, "and this is the happiest Christmas of our lives."—AP.

## THE GLOUCESTER HOTEL NEW YEAR'S EVE

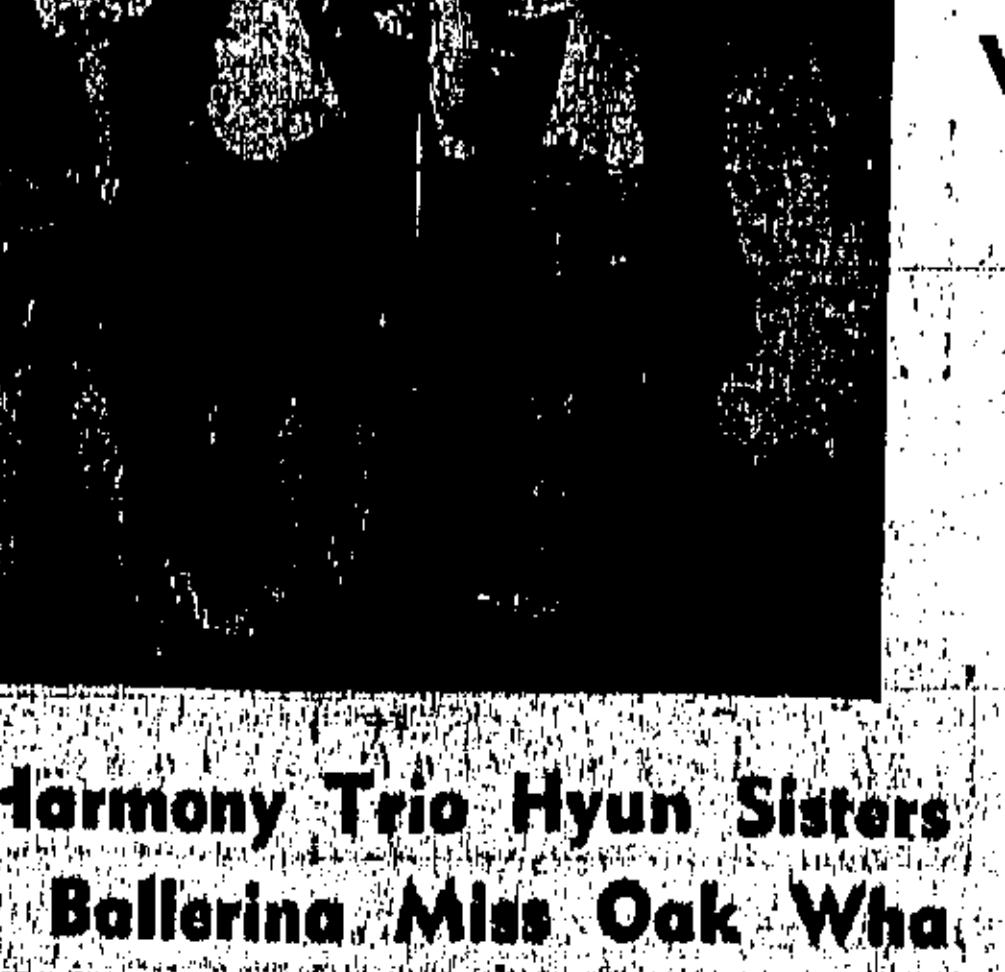
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### Gift for slaughter victim's widow

Pisa, Dec. 24.

The widow of an Italian air force sergeant killed in the Congo, received a package of Christmas gifts today from a Congolese waiter saddened by her husband's death.

Sgt. Silvestro Possenti was one of 13 airmen butchered at Kindu on November 11. He and the other Italians were stationed here but flew missions to the Congo for the United Nations.

Possenti's wife, Angela, said she received the letters and gifts from Antonio Bondo, a 27-year-old Congolese waiter who knew her husband in Leopoldville.

### MONKEY SKIN

Bondo sent her a monkey skin, two spears, ivory objects, and other objects.

He wrote Signora Possenti that the Sergeant was a popular figure in Leopoldville, daily distributing free sweets and biscuits to Congolese children.

"These gifts," he wrote, "are little things but they are intended to show you our sincere sorrow. We are sure that you will not keep any rancour toward us."

"I have already pardoned all," Signora Possenti told reporters.—AP.

### Prize-giving savings investments

London, Dec. 26.

The public have invested £320,000,000 in the Government's prize-giving savings scheme since it began five years ago, it was announced.

The millionaire prize railway fireman Frank Whitehouse of Tilbury near London received in addition to his £25 cheque a special hamper of Christmas cheer from the National Savings Committee Chairman Lord Mackintosh.

So far over £40,000,000 has been paid out in prizes in this "national lottery," the winning numbers of which are drawn each month by an electronic computer popularly called "Erne."

The savings bonds are sold at £1 each. No interest is gained, the interest being paid out in the monthly prizes ranging from £5,000 to £25.—China Mail Special.

### Nepal revolt

New Delhi, Dec. 25.

Reports reaching here today said foes of King Mahendra have seized five police posts in Western Nepal, starting what may prove to be a large-scale revolt.

The rebels were said to have seized 10 rifles and two pistols from the police.—UPI.

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## MOTHER BRAVES FLAMES TO SAVE 8 CHILDREN

New York, Dec. 26. A 30-year-old woman twice braved flames which gutted her home in Fontana, California, early today to rescue her eight children and her invalid husband, police reported.

Officers said Mrs. Rosemary Starry suffered second and third-degree burns over nearly a third of her body and was on the critical list in Kaiser Hospital.

Also in critical condition was the husband, Elmer, 30, and a daughter, Donna, 6. Both

suffered second and third-degree burns.

Another daughter, Cindy, 8, was in serious condition and two more daughters, Jeanette, 4, and Annabelle, 13, suffered cuts on the body. The remainder of Mrs. Starry's children were treated at the hospital for minor burns or smoke inhalation. They were: James, 3; Rosemary, 10; David, 11; and Deborah, 8 months.

The four were expected to be released in care of an aunt, Mrs. F. A. Lynch, also of this city, 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

### Undetermined

Fire chief William Jank said he had not determined what caused the fire. Two firemen suffered minor burns fighting the blaze. The father, recovering from a hip operation told police he believed a floor furnace near the Christmas tree started the blaze.

Anabelle told officers she awoke and saw the tree afire. She ran screaming to neighbours Mr and Mrs Barney Smith, who returned to the Starry home and tried to help rescue the children.

Officers said Deborah was hurled through a window by Mrs. Starry and landed unharmed on a bush.

The house and nearly all of the clothes and personal belongings — including Christmas presents — of the family were destroyed. —UPI.

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EASTERN MAID	Singapore, Port Swettenham & Penang	5 Jan.	7 Jan.

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HEW SANG	Tawau	30 Dec.	2 Jan.

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# AUSTRALIA ALMOST DAVIS CUP CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Frost, snow hit British sport

London, Dec. 26.  
Frost and snow again hit British sport heavily today, causing the postponement or abandonment of many engagements.

Only one of 14 Rugby League matches could be played, and all but four of a programme of 28 Rugby Union games were cancelled. Soccer was less badly affected, all but three of the 46 English League matches being played.

Eight race meetings were due to be held, but only one, at Newton Abbot, Devon, escaped the weather. —Reuters.

## U.S. SWIM ACE TO MARRY

Brightwood, Dec. 26.  
Carin Cole, former world record holder for the 200 metres butterfly swimming event, and her husband, Michael H. 1960 captain of Army's football team, will be married next June, Miss Cole's family announced today.

Al. Cole, 21, was the U.S. National Amateur Athletic Union champion for the 100 and 220 yards backstroke events. She won a silver medal for the 100 metres backstroke in the 1956 Olympics. She is now a student at the University of Maryland, Md.

**Fraser, Emerson favoured to win today's doubles and clinch issue**

**Neale Fraser and Roy Emerson were heavily favoured to beat the admittedly weaker Italians in the challenge round doubles match tomorrow, and thus keep the Davis Cup in Australian hands for the tenth time in 12 years.**

The Fraser-Emerson combination, which has won the challenge round doubles match two years running, will go into the second day of play with Australia holding a commanding 7-9 lead over Italy in the 30th challenge round.

### Playing better

Emerson, 28, and Wimbledon champion Rod Laver, 22, scored comparatively easy victories in today's opening round of the singles matches. Emerson, making his first appearance in the Davis Cup singles, overcame a shaky start to beat Nicola Pietrangeli, who is also 28, 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

Laver, the redheaded Brisbane player, disposed of 33-year-old Orlando Sirola, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

In tomorrow's doubles play Fraser and Emerson will meet the same two opponents—Pietrangeli and Sirola—whom they beat in four sets, 10-8, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, a year ago in the Davis Cup final.

Even the Italian captain, Vanni Canepa, concedes that both Emerson and Fraser are playing better tennis this year than they did during the 1960 challenge round. Canepa also concedes that Sirola, who has been bothered with tennis elbow and lacks tournament competition over the past few months, is not up to his best form.

### 100 degrees heat

Doubles play is scheduled to begin on the parched Kooyong Centre Court at 0400 GMT.

Clear skies and temperatures topping today's 100 degrees are forecast, but a crowd considerably smaller than the 11,000 perspiring shirt-sleeved fans who watched the opening round are expected to be on hand.

The Kooyong Stadium has a capacity for 12,000 fans.—UPI.

### HELD OVER

Owing to lack of space Number one hockey writeup will appear in tomorrow's issue of the China Mail.

### CHESS NEWS

#### by LEONARD BARDEN

Two men with a mission are coming from Russia for this year's annual Hastings New Year tournament. One is well known—Michael Botvinnik who has never forgotten his poor result at Hastings when he played in his first overseas tournament in 1933. Botvinnik has written that he failed at Hastings because he only arrived just before the competition began.

This year, I expect him to arrive several days before, acclimatise himself, and try to show his superiority to the young players aspiring to the world title.

Russia's other contender, Svetlana Florin is the only man to have won Hastings three years running. His record is in danger this year from Yugoslavia's top player, Gligoric, winner in 1958 and 1960. Can Florin recapture his pre-war sparkle? His promise in short draws and grab play in recent years makes it unlikely.

With entries incomplete, it looks as if Hastings this year will be a contest between Botvinnik and Gligoric unless something dramatic happens. Franklin, Rutherford is successful in getting US champion Bobby Fischer to compete.

Solution No. 6157. 1 Q—R3 ch, R—R7; 2 R—Q2; P—K7 ch! 2 R—Q2; P—K7 ch! 3 R—QK2! 4 R—K7 mate; 3 Q—P ch, K—Q; 4 R—R, P—R6; 5 R—K7 ch, K—Q7; 6 R—R7; K—R8; 7 K—B2; P—L7; 8 K—K3; K—R7; 9 R—R7; P—R5; K—R7; 10 R—R7; and the Knight is lost.

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The Editorial Department of the SCM Post, Ltd., beat the Business Department by three clear goals in the annual football match for the Pearce Trophy at Southorn Play-ground yesterday.

The winners led by two goals to nil at half-time. In the first five minutes, Frank Fischbeck scored the first goal, and shortly before the interval, Carl Myatt added another goal. In the second half, Thomas Chadd scored the third goal. From then on, the winners dominated the play.

At a dinner party of the SCM Post Sports Association held at Cafe de China in the evening, Mrs. T. G. N. Pearce, wife of the Managing Director, presented the trophy to S. K. Khan, captain of the winning team.

Photo shows players and team officials before the match with Mr. T. G. N. Pearce, the donor of the trophy and managing director of the SCM Post Ltd. in the centre of the back row.

### Vardon Trophy goes to Arnold Palmer

Dunedin, Dec. 25.  
Arnold Palmer, the Western Open champion from Miami, won the 1961 Vardon Trophy as the golfer with the lowest scoring average on the PGA tournament circuit.

Palmer had an average of 69.850 strokes for 99 rounds this year as he competed in 25 tournaments, winning five. His average was the lowest since Sam Snead's 69.23 in 1950.

Bill Casper Jr finished second with a 70.02 average. Art Wall Jr. was third with 70.697 and Jay Hebert, fourth with 70.742.

The standings were announced over the weekend by the PGA which has its headquarters here.—UPI.

### South Africa 80 for one in second Test

Johannesburg, Dec. 26.  
South Africa scored 80 for one wicket on a rain-shortened first day's play in the second unofficial Test match against New Zealand here.

Play was halted twice during the morning, and it was impossible to continue after lunch. Scores were:

First Innings  
South Africa  
F. J. McGlew abv. Motz ..... 5  
J. H. B. Waite not out ..... 32  
Extras ..... 3  
Total (for one wicket) ..... 80  
Fall of wicket: 1-25.—Reuters.

# Hat-tricks by teenagers highlight Christmas English Soccer matches

London, Dec. 26.  
There were thrills, goals and drama galore in the Christmas holiday English First Division soccer programme today.

West Ham would have gone to the top of the table if they had got the first, and others followed from John Connolly (2) and Jimmy McIlroy (penalty). Liverpool, the Second Division leaders, had their lead cut from eight points to four over the Christmas holiday by Leyton Orient.

### Liverpool lose

Liverpool went down again today 0-1 away to Rotherham, while Leyton won by the same margin at home against Swindon Town. With one game in hand, Leyton are now in a position to overhaul the leaders—a feat which seemed impossible a few days ago.

### Happy homecoming

It was another happy homecoming for Jimmy Greaves, playing for Tottenham in their London Derby game at Chelsea, the club he left to go to Milan at the end of last season.

A crowd of 52,000 saw Greaves give Spurs the lead after only three minutes. The goal was the 200th scored by the 21-year-old England inside-forward since he first played for the Chelsea senior side four years ago.

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Portsmouth were one of only 14 clubs to win both their Christmas matches. Among the others were Wrexham, the Fourth Division leaders, who won 5-1 away to Chesterfield.

Results of British soccer matches played today were:

### ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I	
Arsenal	1 Fulham
Birmingham	1 Manchester C.
Burnley	4 Wednesday
Coventry	1 West Ham
Chelsea	0 Tottenham
Everton	1 Bolton
Ipswich	1 Leicester
Leeds	0 Nottingham
Sheffield U.	2 Blackpool
West Bromwich	1 Wolves
West Ham	2 Blackburn
Division II	
Bristol	0 Brighton and H. 1
Bury	0 Stoke City
Charlton	2 Sunderland
Derby	1 Southend
Exeter	1 Middlesbrough
Grimsby	1 Wrexham
Leyton Orient	1 Swindon
Newcastle U.	3 Middlesbrough
Norwich	0 Plymouth Arg.
Peter	1 Bradford
Rotherham	1 Liverpool
Walsall	2 Luton
Division III	
Barnsley	2 Bury
Batford	2 Bradford
Coventry	2 Grimsby
Halifax	0 vs. Swindon (Postponed)
Hull	0 Central Palace
Notts County	3 Shrewsbury
Peterborough	4 Southend
Portsmouth	4 Northampton
Port Vale	4 Walsall
Reading	2 Grimsby (City)
Torquay	2 Queen's Park
Watford	0 Bournemouth
Division IV	
Accrington	0 vs. Hartlepool (Postponed)
Bradford	4 Colchester
Carlisle	1 Corby Town
(Brought forward from Dec. 30)	1
Chester	2 Aldershot
Chesterfield	1 Wrexham
Crewe	0 Macclesfield (Postponed)
Darlington	1 Barrow
Doncaster	1 York City
Exeter	1 Gillingham
Fleetwood	0 Northwich
Oldham	3 Southport
Stockport	3 Tranmere
IRISH LEAGUE	
Ards	4 Linfield
Ballymena	0 Bantam
Cliftonville	0 Portadown
Derry City	0 vs. Portadown (Postponed)
Distillery	2 Crusaders
Glenavon	7 Coleraine

—Reuters.

### SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Mackay, Fisher avert Queensland collapse

Adelaide, Dec. 26.  
Left-hander Ken Mackay scored 89 not out in Queensland against South Australia on the third day of their Sheffield Shield match here.

Queensland, 263 for seven in their second innings at close of play, led by 295 runs.

Scores were: Queensland 325 and 233 for seven (K. Mackay 89 not out; F. Trimble 54; D. Sincock six for 192); South Australia 313 (L. Favell 127; N. Dansi 39).

Mackay, who made 97 in the first innings, scored brightly today in putting on 137 in 110 minutes for the seventh wicket with fast-bowler Barry Fisher.

This stand saved Queensland from threatened collapse. When Mackay and Fisher came together, six wickets had fallen for 185 runs—all of them to David Sincock, a left-arm spin bowler.

Sincock, who finished with six for 109, had conceded only 84 runs at that stage—China Mail Special.

### RUGBY RESULTS

London, Dec. 26.  
Results of Rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE	
Hull Kingston Rovers	10, Huddersfield
Leeds	14, Wigan
Liverpool	1, London Welsh
Plymouth	3, Exeter
Reedham	10, Cambridge
Warrington	14, Wigan

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By Barry Wooley

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It was 2-10 moment later as Felix Agome ran all the way home from second base on Robert Olaves' hit to left field, just beyond the reach of left-fielder Williams. University regained their nine-run lead in the top of the fifth as Stephen Ley's hit pushed Tang home from third base for the scoreboard to now read University 11, Indians 2 and at this stage the situation looked pretty grim for the Indians. This eleventh run instead seemed to spur the Indians to greater effort, and they came storming back into the game with four runs, the last being Olave's double to right field, and it was now 12-2. The University, though, had to wait until the eighth to add another run, as Williams' blast had a hard drive along the third

Police . . . 2.

Army . . . 1

# EVANS' GREAT WINNER

*Police skipper's crashing free-kick sends Army down to defeat*

By I. M. MacTAVISH

**In a bright and breezy First Division football match played at Boundary-street yesterday Police rather fortunately gathered two points when they edged out the Army by the odd goal in three.**

The soldiers who were on top for long periods and had enough chances to win the game several times over, had only themselves to blame for their defeat. They failed to press home their advantage when things were going well and worst of all they got themselves tied up in a strange confusion of tactics towards the end when by cutting the ball they might have saved at least a point.

On the other hand the Police, with several important changes in the side, played better than they have done for weeks.

This time there was some real endeavour in the lineup and the boys in blue, whatever their other shortcomings, could not be accused of not fighting hard for their two invaluable points.

#### The hero

The hero of the Police day was young Lau Sau-ching who came into the side at the very last moment and played a real blinder. Lau normally appears at centre-half for the Police Third Division side and he was only pressed into senior service when it was found that Chan Ting-nam was unfit to turn out. Playing at left-back the newcomer was an eye-opener and it is hard to see how on this showing the Police can possibly leave him out of the First eleven. Certainly this rough diamond is the most promising thing that has happened to the lawmen this season.

Other stalwarts in the winners' side were goalkeeper Cheung Kwok-kui, Yuen Hoipong and Lam Sui-so in defence and their hard grafting insides-forwards Evans and Scanlon in attack.

Evans often got himself into trouble by hanging on to the ball and being caught in possession but he never stopped chasing or foraging and his potential shooting power was a threat which the Army defenders could never afford to ignore. His partner Scanlon was well worth another outing.

Although beaten the Army side in spasms produced some exhilarating stuff and they gave the fans a good ration of festive season entertainment. There was not very much that was classic about their play but they did get on with the job in hand. They got the excellent encouragement of a goal in the first minute but whether or not this gave them a false feeling of security they were never quite as good afterwards.

Goalkeeper Robertson showed a welcome return of confidence

## Singapore Services Rugby team to play here on Saturday

By LANCASTRIAN

**HMNZS Pukaki sails for Japan today and on board go many who have apparently never stopped playing Rugby since they docked in early November.**

But HMAS Vampire is still here and will be for week or two yet. Their full-back, Lunney, well-known to followers of the game here now, is selected as one of the players of the Singapore Services Tour for the coming weekend. We think of Lunney as a Hongkong man by now, but in fact his ship is actually based further south.

Other members of the touring party arrive on Friday and play matches on Saturday and Tuesday with a finale against the Colony on Wednesday evening.

Vampire had just about two teams out on Saturday. One team played Pukaki 'B' and lost 5-20; their seniors, Rugby-wise, virtually took over the Tamei end of the HMS Tamei vs Royal Warwickshire fixture and supplied all but one player for it. To lose only eight-nil to the Warwickshire was a let for the Vampire's Rugby standard.

Pukaki had 45 men out altogether which is a tiny few for a small ship. One side beat a Vampire team, as mentioned; the other two sides met selections of the Club and lost both games, neither of which produced the sustained excitement which I for one expected.

In the senior of these two matches though Club scored two

tries. The first was a shoveller, which Nicholson rounded after a minute before they had forced Pukaki to carry the ball over their own line. The second came from a goal run by Watson down the right-wing, a first class crosskick from him, low and bounding, which Smith and Bent and a defender all went for, Smith scoring eventually.

Moore kicked the goal to give Pukaki an eight-nil lead. Tito, the Pukaki captain reduced the margin by kicking a penalty later on.

**Today's matches**

There are just two matches due to be played today and doubtless they will be played by men overstuffed with turkey and plum pudding and unable to shake out the cobwebs and dinsel. At 3 p.m. on the Army grinded Whittaker's last on the Royal Northumbrian Fusiliers and then at 4 p.m. on the neighbouring Police pitch, Police Casuals play the Warwickshire.

There is no evening fixture this week for which many will be pleased; it will be something of a well-earned and necessary rest for the players and it will make all look forward to the more to next week's Colony match.

## Jim Clark wins South African Grand Prix

East London, Dec. 26.

Jim Clark, of Britain, won the South African Motor-Racing Grand Prix here today in a Lotus Climax.

Stirling Moss (Britain) was second in another Lotus Climax and Joachim Bonnier (Sweden) third in a Porsche.

Clark's victory in the 50-lap race came when he completed his first lap in the South African series of races. The 26-year-old Scottish farmer, earlier won the Grand Prix at Johannesburg and the Miss Grand Prix at Durban.

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## Calcutta Derby Winner

Calcutta, Dec. 26.

Ridden by English jockey Duncan Keith, Golden Can scored a five lengths win in the Calcutta Derby here today.

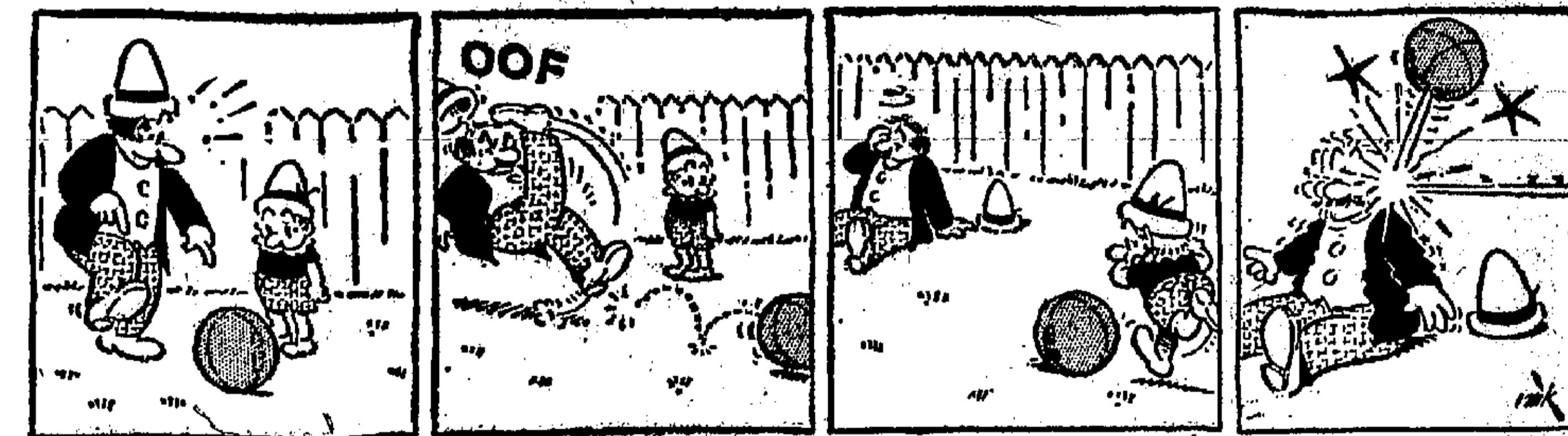
Golden Can started favourite at 5 to 2. Orkade Queen was second and Crowd Prince third, two lengths further behind. There were eight runners.—Reuter.



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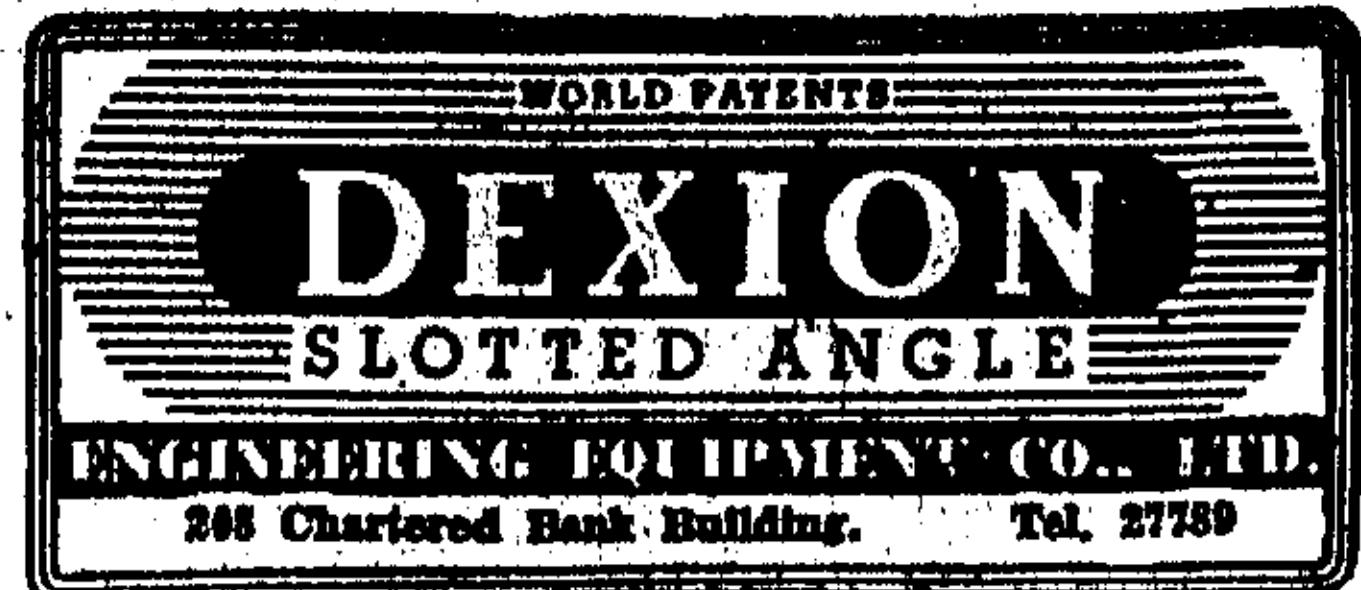


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Lucky boy, but unlucky girl

The gold coin that is annually awarded to the first baby born at Queen Mary on Christmas day this year goes to the son of Mrs Lee King-jeung. Twenty-five-year-old Mrs Lee lives at 18, First-street, fifth floor, Shatin. The boy weighed 7½ lbs at birth.

At the Matilda Hospital, the gold coin awarded to the first boy born on Christmas day has not yet been claimed.

A girl was born at 1 a.m. on Christmas morning, but under the stipulation of an anonymous benefactor, she does not qualify.

So far no boy has been born at the Matilda since the arrival of the little girl.

## Dates fixed for murder case hearing

Commitial proceedings against a 26-year-old housewife, accused of the murder of a 13-year-old boy, were fixed for January 22, 23 and 24 by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant Wong Yuk-ku, of an unnumbered stone house in Wong Chuk Village, Sai Kung, New Territories, is alleged to have murdered the boy, Lee Ming-tak, on December 16.

A chopper and a tree branch were listed as exhibits.

Acting Senior Inspector J. P. MacMahon is in charge of the case.

# AMERICAN COLUMNIST WRITES IN JAPANESE NEWSPAPER U.S. fee 'may be good for HK'

## MAY FORCE INDUSTRY TO DIVERSIFY

**A businessman-columnist for the Japan Times newspaper today said the proposed equalisation fee on cotton imports into the United States might be a good thing for Hongkong, by helping to force diversification of industry.**

Mr Joseph Z. Reday, an American businessman with extensive interests in several Asian countries and a regular economic contributor to the Tokyo English language daily, made it clear he regarded the proposed American move as "infantile" and implied that the Japanese and Hongkong textile industries were justified in feeling that it looks like "bad faith."

"On the other hand," he added, "I cannot say that I feel too much for the Hongkong industry. There is nothing sacred about the production of cheap textiles."

### Cost control

Mr Reday said the higher import pricing "may force them to rationalise their industry and pay a little attention to organisation, cost control, quality control and the productivity of labour."

"It might even lead them to look for some new and improved products. If so, it will be a good thing."

"Sooner or later, Hongkong must quit building mills to turn out cheap cotton sheeting for export to the U.S. and Britain."

"For one thing, even Hongkong is running out of cheap labour, which has been the only reason for the industry's existence. Secondly, the Hongkong cotton industry is a constant and growing irritant to markets everywhere and must expect unilateral action from those markets to reduce the irritation."

Y. T. MEI

### Unintelligent

He said, "The cotton industry in Hongkong is unsound and unintelligent anyway and unless it can upgrade itself to a point where it can turn out a higher quality product and use a labour force that has some talent beyond being cheap, Hongkong would in the end be just as well off without it."

"The crying need of industry in general in Hongkong and particularly the cotton textile industry, is to be diversified to a point where it can export without being noticed as it were. Its competitive impact is now far too concentrated and too irritating to its markets."

The columnists also said Hongkong should climb out of the lowest price category and into the better quality, higher priced and not quite so competitive price range for its own sake.

### Gratitude

Mr Reday said Hongkong is past the economic stage of using cheap labour as its major base "and sooner or later the really cheap labour countries like India and Red China will catch up with the cotton textile trade as now operated in Hongkong."

"If new U.S. tax can hurry Hongkong out of the business and into a sounder, more protective industrial production, Hongkong might have some reason to be grateful." —UPI

## Woman on bond for false report

A woman who told policemen that two men had searched her and had stolen \$350 from her on Saturday, was bound over in \$500 for one year by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy on Christmas day for making a false report.

She was 41-year-old Ng Kum-ho, room 224 Shek Kip Mei resettlement area, ground floor, Block 11.

Miss Gillies said that two watchmen at a new building site of the Chi Wah Construction Company in Whity-street, near Des Voeux-road, stopped Ng, a coolie woman, from taking a number of wooden planks home.

She argued with them, and later accidentally fell to the ground and suffered slight bruises.

She then made a false report to the Police.

The offence came to light when Ng's husband told the police that his wife "never had such a large sum of money in her life."

dear sir

### A READER'S COMPLIMENT

How grateful we are to find your series of leading articles on general important topics which are the finest types of undertaking from your able and trained pen and which we found more truth in them as things went by.

I wish many more readers should patronise your evening paper and read it daily, because the China Mail sends out with a lot of good cheering up.

Individually and collectively we deeply and sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness, far-reaching foresight and vast experience as the China Mail's editorial credo today, thinking anew and acting anew with the occasion as the case may be, for the attention of the public.

A thousand thanks and a salute to you for the kind guidance and wise counsel you have given readers throughout the year. They make one's life more rewarding, more enriching and worthwhile!

Wishing you continued success, with a brighter business outlook and the Compliments of the Season.

Y. T. MEI

dear sir

### N.T.'s greetings

"On almost every publishing day of the year this column believes in speaking its mind plainly," you say. But there is a big difference between "believing" and "doing".

N. T. CHOW

## Defence to make pleas

Counsel for the defence in his case against three men charged with cheating at a game of fan-tan will make their submissions of no case to answer at the Victoria District Court this afternoon.

The accused are Li Muk-fat 54, alias Li Pak-king; Kung Sun-wan 31, alias Kung Hon-ling; and Kung Hon-chuen 29.

They have pleaded not guilty to conspiring with others not in custody to cheat and defraud Li Kit-kit and Tseling Kwong-san of money by means of a trick during a game of fan-tan.

The offences were alleged to have occurred between March and July.

Mr A. Zimmern, instructed by Mr Peter Mo is representing Li Muk-fat, and Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr T. S. Tong is appearing for the other two accused.

Mr P. F. X. Leonard, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

The trial is before Judge B. J. Jennings.

### VISIT OF BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXPERT

An expert in industrial relations, Miss E. M. Batten arrived in Hongkong on Christmas eve for a month's stay.

Miss Batten, who is Principal of the William Temple College, Rugby, England, was invited by the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rev. R. O. Hall.

While here Miss Batten will meet men and women who are concerned with industrial relations, labour and social services and will take part in a five-day seminar on "Industrial relations and responsibility" early next month.

### GIFTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Christmas cheer brought to seamen in Colony

A clergyman and his wife played Santa Claus to seamen in two Colony hospitals over Christmas.

In the morning of Christmas Day, the Rev. J. R. Precious, Chaplain of the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen in Gloucester-road, and Mrs Precious visited the Matilda and Canossa hospitals with Christmas stockings stuffed with fruits, sweets and other gifts for sick seamen and sailors.

Later in the evening a Christmas dinner for seafarers and residents was held at the Sailors' Home and at midnight sailors and seamen attended a "snacks and eats" party held in the flat of the chaplain.

At Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, family and card services were held and after the services, church members went to the St Christopher's Babies Home in Tai Po where they presented toys and sweets to the babies.

### SERVICE

Also in Kowloon Tong, the Alliance Church held a combined English and Cantonese service in the morning when about 20 persons were baptised. During the service the combined choir, under the direction of Margaret Ling, sang carols. Christmas messages were then delivered by the Rev David Hoh and the Rev John Bechtel.

In the evening the annual Christmas party was held in the Alliance Primary School. A Christmas play, "Christmas Joy," was performed by the Senior Young People's Society.

In Kennedy Town, Western District, over 1,400 children were entertained at a party held in Our Lady of the Rosary Church hall. The Rev. Fr Joseph Madeore, presented toys and clothing to needy children on behalf of the church and parishioners.

### GIFTS

In Chuk Yuen, Kowloon City, the St Pius X Church held a similar party for more than 300 children of the Chuk Yuen Resettlement.

At the party, children received gifts of sweets, toys, fruits and clothing after the performance of the play, "Coming of the Three Kings."

At St Rose of Lima School, Boundary-street, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary sisters gave a party for 170 children from the squatter areas in Boundary-street.

At the party, children received gifts of sweets, toys, fruits and clothing after the performance of the play, "Coming of the Three Kings."

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Shown (left to right) are Mr Alfred Tsang, Dr Edward Szczepanik, Mr J. Ph. Andel, and Dr Szczepanik's two children, Tommy and Sofia.

### Says he may come back

## Szczepanik leaves for Karachi Post

Dr Edward F. Szczepanik, senior lecturer in economics at the University of Hongkong for the past eight years, left the Colony yesterday by Swissair for Karachi to take up a post with the Pakistan Government.

Dr Szczepanik recently accepted the post of Economic Adviser to the Pakistan Government for an initial two-year term.

"If the opportunity presents itself I may come back to Hongkong, or if I like Pakistan, I may sign another contract," he said yesterday shortly before leaving with his son Tommy and daughter Sofia.

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